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IN FROM THE COLD: CIA Chief Casey seeks to revive emphasis on spies.

He sides with intelligence pros who argue that recent administrations relied too much on satellites and electronic means to gather information. Such information is valuable, one expert says, but it "isn't going to tell you what people are thinking."

Casey moves to strengthen the human spy network. He pushes legislation to protect the identity of CIA agents. He visits foreign intelligence officials to enlist them to share information. And he revives an intelligence advisory board of outsiders. It will be headed by former Ambassador (to Britain) Anne Armstrong.

Some conservatives grouse that changes are too slow. They want Reagan to loosen restrictions on intelligence gathering by executive order.